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Expect No Construction Delays During Upcoming Holidays and Short Delays Starting in January at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA –Visitors should expect no construction delays at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks from Sunday, December 23, through Tuesday, January 1, to provide for holiday access for park visitors. After January 2 and until further notice, park visitors should expect up to 15-minute delays from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays along the main road through the parks (the Generals Highway). No delays are expected during other hours on weekdays or on weekends. *Note: Construction schedules may change with little or no notice*.

Two construction projects are ongoing in the parks at this time. Specifically:

- The Generals Highway Road Reconstruction Project is expected to continue with 15-minute delays until late Spring 2013. However, longer delays may be expected during paving operations in the future.
- The Utilities Construction Project, happening along the Generals Highway, will be shut down for the winter by December 23 and will resume when weather allows in Spring 2013.

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SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, which lie side-by-side in the southern Sierra Nevada in central California, serve as a prime example of nature's size, beauty, and diversity. With the world's largest trees (by volume), grand mountains, rugged foothills, deep canyons, vast caverns, and the highest point in the lower 48 states, it is a place that attracts 1.6 million visitors a year from across the U.S. and the world. Visitor activities vary by season and elevation. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/seki or call 559-565-3341.